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Sports Funding Request

At the July 12, 1999, City Commission meeting, three track teams requested funding to enable them to travel to the AAU Junior Olympics in Cleveland, OH. These teams were the Undisputed Truth Track Club, The Next Generation of Runners Track Club and the Gainesville Striders Track Club.

In July of 1996, the City Commission decided to approve funding on a case by case basis where significant financial need is revealed for City sponsored teams only for National Tournaments.

These three teams are not City of Gainesville sponsored teams, but their teams do consist mainly of needy children residing inside the City limits of Gainesville. There are a total of 77 participants within the three teams which qualified to compete: 9 from The Next Generation of Runners Track Club, 24 from the Undisputed Truth Track Club, and 44 from the Gainesville Striders. Last year, the City Commission approved funding: \$560 to the Undisputed Truth Track Club for 13 participants (\$43.08 each), and \$2,400 to the Gainesville Striders Track Club for 60 participants (\$40.00 each).

Subject to availability of funds, staff recommends the City Commission approve the following: \$45 per participant for each child that qualifies, the teams provide "sweat equity" equal of the City's contribution by working in department programs as volunteers, and the team should provide a financial statement within three weeks after they return from the event. The statement shall include a list of expenditures which City funds were utilized for, total amount of monies raised and their source; failure to provide the statement would make them ineligible for funding next year.

Total disbursements would include: 1) \$405 for the Next Generation of Runners Track Club; 2) \$1,080 for the Undisputed Truth Track Club; and 3) \$1,980 for the Gainesville Striders for a total of \$3,465.

Funding up to \$3,465 be approved from City Commission Contingency funds for the three track teams travel.

The City Commission: 1) approve funding from City Commission Contingency fund in the amount of \$45 for each child that qualifies (\$405 for The Next Generation of Runners Track Club, \$1,080 for the Undisputed Truth Track Club, and \$1,980 for the Gainesville Striders) for a total contribution amount of \$3,465; 2) require that each team provide "sweat equity" by working as volunteers in department programs equal to the contribution; and 3) the teams provide a financial statement within three weeks of their return from the event.